

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. GERALD BROWN

**HON. JIMMY PANETTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 19, 2018*

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Gerald Brown on his retirement after forty-four years of distinguished service to his country and community as a Professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School, located in my district on the central coast of California.

Throughout his long and distinguished career, Dr. Brown has demonstrated deep commitment to our nation and its values. After receiving his M.B.A. in Quantitative Methods from California State University, Fullerton in 1969, he went on to complete a Ph.D. in Mathematical Methods at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1974. While working on his doctorate, he concurrently completed Naval Officer Candidate School, graduating with the rank of Ensign in 1973.

After his education and training, Dr. Brown began to work as an Assistant Professor of Operations Research at the Naval Postgraduate School. He has committed his entire teaching career to training the next generation of our nation's naval officers at the Naval Postgraduate School, earning countless awards and accolades that reflect his dedication. Over the past forty-four years, Dr. Brown has taught the principles of operations research and computer science to thousands of officers from the U.S. military and allied nations. Former students include astronauts, Admirals, and even former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Michael Mullen.

The accolades earned by Dr. Brown include the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Medal, the highest honor that the Secretary of the Navy can bestow upon a civilian who demonstrates extraordinary service in their post. Dr. Brown also has three patents under his name owned by the federal government, and was the first professor from the Naval Postgraduate School to be accepted into the National Academy of Sciences.

Dr. Gerald Brown's devotion to his work and impressive accomplishments will be remembered by all who have worked with him at the Naval Postgraduate School, and the work of his students will serve as an enduring legacy. I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating Dr. Brown's body of work, and congratulating him on a well-earned retirement.

MACCABI USA MEN'S SOCCER  
TEAM

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 19, 2018*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Maccabi USA men's soccer

team for competing in the USA 2018 King Cup tournament in Las Vegas, Nevada to honor our great American hero Martin Luther King, Jr.

Twenty men from Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania achieved an undefeated record of 4 wins, no losses and 2 draws, scoring 15 goals and allowing 6 against to earn the silver medal in the 2018 King Cup. The team consisted of the following individuals: Scott Agran, David Alhadeff, Gary (Gazza) Bernstein (Cptn.), Bob Boone, Scott Cohen, Jeff Cohn, Ed Harris, Stuart Hochberger (Cptn.), Dan (Indy) Indech, Don Kent, Ken Kramer, Ramin Lalezari, Jess Mogul, David Parks, Keith Silverman, David Stone, Lawrence Swerner, Mark (Wiz) Wisnevit, and was managed by Steve (Goldy) Goldenring and Dan Kurtz.

Maccabi USA is a 501c(3) not-for-profit organization with an extensive history of enriching Jewish lives through athletic, cultural and educational programs. Maccabi USA supports Jewish athletic endeavors enhanced by cultural and educational opportunities in the United States, Israel and throughout the world. These 20 men exemplify this great ideal.

I extend my deepest congratulations to the Maccabi USA men's soccer team for their dedication, hard work and competitive spirit.

THANKING FRANCIS "FRANK"  
RUSSO

**HON. DANIEL M. DONOVAN, JR.**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 19, 2018*

Mr. DONOVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Frank Russo for his service to his country.

Frank Russo was born and raised on Staten Island. It was there where he graduated from Monsignor Farrell High School in 1991. He then matriculated at St. John's University where he graduated in 1995, receiving his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. After college, Frank was admitted to the U.S. Customs Service under their Outstanding Scholar Program. After serving in U.S. Customs and Border Protection as a Deputy Field Coordinator and Assistant Director, he was eventually promoted to the position of Port Director for John F. Kennedy International Airport.

As Port Director, Frank has worked closely with the NYPD to combat the nation's opioid epidemic. In his first year, his team successfully intercepted over 80 shipments of fentanyl. Moreover, under his watch, Customs and Border Protection agents seized large batches of narcotics 14,000 times. Additionally, they seized \$9 million in currency linked to terrorism, drug trafficking, and other illegal activities. With 1,700 trained and devoted officers, Frank is truly on the front line in keeping our nation safe.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Frank Russo for his outstanding service to our country. He

and his agents not only stop crime in its tracks, but keep us safe as well. I am tremendously proud to represent him in Congress.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASON DISTRICT HOSPITAL

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 19, 2018*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I would like to recognize Mason District Hospital of Havana, Illinois, as it celebrates its 60th anniversary. Their tireless work provides critical resources to our community in Central Illinois.

Mason District Hospital was founded in 1957 with a mission to provide the highest quality healthcare to its surrounding communities. Since then, the Hospital has grown alongside our community to provide high quality care in the face of an ever changing healthcare landscape. As a rural critical access hospital, Mason District Hospital is immensely important to the hard-working people of Mason County and the surrounding area. Its demonstrable success in fulfilling the needs of its patients for so many years is admirable and worthy of recognition.

Mason District Hospital has served thousands of Americans in their most desperate and vulnerable times. Their great reputation is known throughout Illinois and it is an honor to represent them in Congress. Congratulations to Mason District Hospital for sixty successful years, and here's to many more. Thank them for all that they do.

IN RECOGNITION OF VISITING  
STUDENTS

**HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 19, 2018*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the civic minded young men from The Hun School of Princeton who visited the Capitol. I would like to honor Headmaster Jonathan G. Brougham and Head of Middle School Kenneth J. Weinstein for their service and sacrifice to benefit the lives of youth. In a world where there is so much uncertainty, it is important to educate students to be mindful individuals who are aware of the trials of the less fortunate, and who seek to benefit the lives of all fellow citizens. I am confident that under the direction of these distinguished educators, these students will be molded into strong leaders who are ready to take on the world and whatever opportunities lie ahead. As a member of Congress, I view there is no better way to guarantee a strong future for America than to instill in our young people the values of service, sacrifice, and compassion.

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